

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicants : David R. Hembree, Salman Akram and Derek Gochmour
Title : A SPRING ELEMENT FOR USE IN AN APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING
TO A SEMICONDUCTOR AND A METHOD OF ATTACHING
Docket No. : MIO 0020 VA/97-0198.02

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 4 after "This application is a" insert --division of U.S. Patent Application
Serial No. 09/026,080, filed February 19, 1998, which is a--.

IN THE CLAIMS

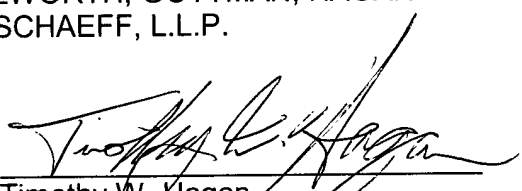
Please cancel claims 1-28 and 72.

REMARKS

Claims 29-71 and 73 were withdrawn from the continuation-in-part application as a result of a restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully request examination of those claims on the merits in this divisional application.

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